

## **REMARKS**

The present amendment adds related application information and amends the claims to place the application into better condition for examination. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are hereby respectfully requested.

Originally filed claims 8 - 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 - 22, and 24 were written in multiply-dependent format. Claims 8 - 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 - 22, and 24 have now been amended to singly-dependent form in order to reduce claim fees.

Claim 25 has been amended to correct a clerical error.

Claim 26 has been rewritten in a clarifying independent form.

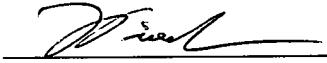
The amendments are not believed to relate to the patentability of the originally filed claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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